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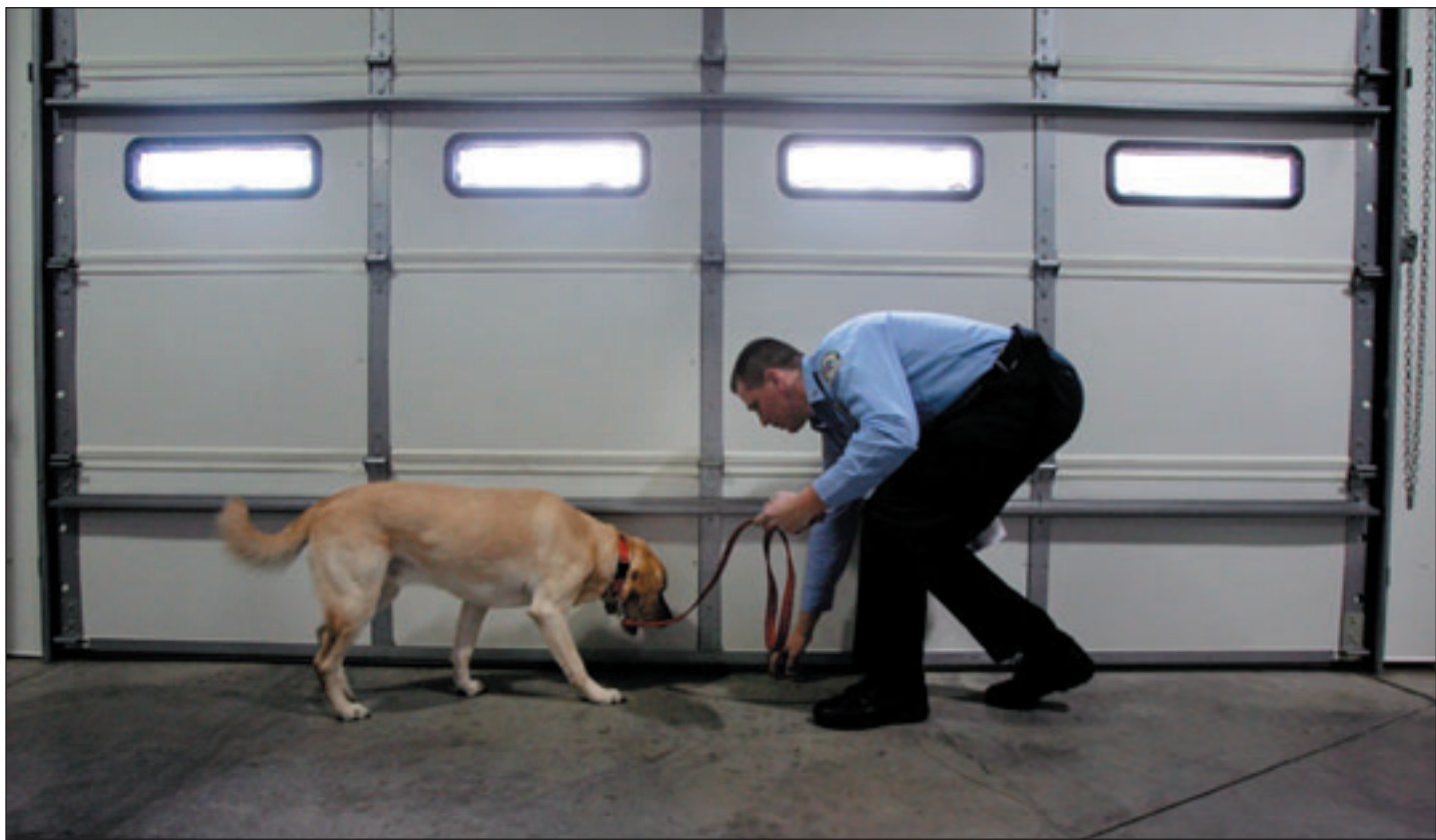
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ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale fire inspector Jay Crippen works his dog, Pal, though a drill to find chemical accelerants Saturday morning at the Carbondale Fire Department on South Illinois Avenue. Pal is trained to detect several types of accelerants, which helps Crippen in his arson investigations.

Fire department gets new nose

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Arson Investigator Jay Crippen has a new tool that can detect one drop of gasoline in a burned-down house.

The tool happens to be a 70-pound, yellow dog.

Pal, a 3-year-old “goldador,” a mix of a golden retriever and Labrador retriever, is the Carbondale Fire Department’s new detection dog. As a detection dog, he has been specially trained to find certain chemicals.

“The key about this canine is he’s a tool,” Crippen said.

Pal is trained to “alert” when he smells an accelerant, a chemical like kerosene, used in starting a fire. When he alerts, he stops walking, sits down and points with his nose to the area where he detects chemicals. After alerting, Pal is rewarded with food.

Crippen demonstrated one of the ways that he trains his dog, which he called “100 percent training.” During this training, Crippen knows where chemicals have been placed.

“When we train at 100 percent, I will not reward him unless he’s right on target,” he said.

Pal obediently sat and waited at the end of the fire truck bay as Crippen placed drops of accelerant out of sight.

When he returned he put a green fanny pack

around his waist and said, “Go to work.”

Pal recognized the fanny pack and command as the signal that it was time to sniff out chemicals.

Crippen led him to one of the bay doors and tapped the ground repeating the command “seek.” Pal sniffed intensely along the base of the door. Hunched over as he tapped, Crippen’s eyes were on the dog, watching his actions.

“It’s a lot of back work,” Crippen joked.

Suddenly Pal stopped and sat, glancing from his handler to the ground.

“Show me,” Crippen said.

The dog bent his head and touched his nose to a spot on the concrete. Crippen repeated the command and the dog pointed again.

Pal had found one of the tiny drops of gasoline.

The dog heartily ate his reward directly from his handler’s hand. With his tail wagging and looking eager to please, he continued his training.

Trust is important between the handler and canine during an investigation. Crippen builds trust in his dog using this drill because it shows when Pal alerts, it is on accelerants.

Food is Pal’s only reward during training.

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Pal gets a head scratch from handler Jay Crippen as the two spend time at the fire department.

Rec to offer iPods, more for exercise

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There is hope for students who have put off their resolution to improve their health.

On Feb. 5, Recreational Sports and Services is launching the “Healthy U Incentive Program,” which is intended to motivate students to exercise, improve their emotional health and eat healthier.

Lynne Thompson-Cundiff, fitness coordinator at the Student Recreation Center, said students who participate in the program receive “Healthy U dollars” for working out and attending workshops.

Students earn one U dollar for every minute they participate. Those who earn 180 U dollars in a week are eligible for a weekly drawing for prizes such as an iPod Shuffle and a European Day Spa certificate.

Thompson-Cundiff said SIUC has done incentive programs in the past, but this is the first that targets more than physical activity.

“Research shows that if you are invested in something, even if it’s a small amount, you have more consistency with it,” Thompson-Cundiff said.

She said participants are encouraged to exercise, but other activities — such as meeting with counselors at the Wellness Center — also earn them U dollars.

The program, which is only open to SIUC students, has a \$5 registration fee.

Sally Wright, interim director of Recreational Sports and Services, said participants could take advantage of discounted services at the Rec Center.

Fitness assessments and metabolic tests that normally cost \$20 will be offered for \$10 to participants, she said.

Thompson-Cundiff said most SIUC students don’t pay enough attention to their diet and don’t exercise as often as they should.

She said the American College of Sports Medicine recommends a person get 30 to 60 minutes of exercise three to five days a week. To earn 180 U dollars, a participant would have participate for three hours a week.

While he worked out at the Rec Center Tuesday, Phil Craig, a junior from Sullivan studying electrical engineering, said he didn’t think most students took their health seriously.

“I just don’t think people want to put out the effort to come work out when they could be just sitting around watching TV and stuff like that,” Craig said.

Students can register for the Healthy U Incentive Program at the Rec Center Health Fair Feb. 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. or any time at the Rec Center or Wellness Center.

Bookstore changes owners, keeps style

Brandon Augsburg
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Just as the Rosetta Stone helped archaeologists decipher previously unknown ancient scripts, a Carbondale bookstore with the same name is trying to offer its own brand of enlightenment to the community.

The Rosetta Stone Bookstore, located at 214 W. Freeman St. in the Campus Shopping Center, came under new ownership in January, but the heart and soul of the 13-year-old bookstore remains the same.

Jessica Bradshaw, 25, of Carbondale bought the store from former owner Jessica Becker, and Bradshaw took

over the operation Jan. 1. Bradshaw said the store never closed because she trained with Becker in December.

Becker was part of a nine-person ownership collective from 2002 to 2003 and bought the store outright in 2003. She said selling the store fit perfectly with events in her personal life and she wanted to sell to someone who would keep the store true to its roots.

“This is a really good opportunity to pass it on to someone that I felt could keep it as a community bookstore,” Becker said.

To that effect, the selection and genre of books and magazines in the store remains largely the same. Some

items, such as video rentals, have been dropped, and others, such as paintings, have been added.

“There’s kind of an alternative culture in Carbondale, and I think that’s where our market is, or that’s where I hope it is,” Bradshaw said. “I think that people want something other than the Wal-Marts and the Barnes and Noble and the big box stores.”

Though the Rosetta Stone Bookstore offers traditional book genres, such as fiction and non-fiction, its specialty is its quirky selection.

Magazine racks line the lime green walls of the store and cover topics

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MELISSA BARR ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tess Rogers, 28, of Carbondale, looks at a book Tuesday afternoon at Rosetta Stone Bookstore. The store underwent new ownership Jan. 1.

Breathing history

Professor tries to spread love of history to students

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

John Simon has found that nothing can be done to boost class attendance at SIUC.

The professor of history said he has tried everything he can think of to get his students to class — to no avail.

“I’ve tried and tried,” Simon said. “I tell jokes. I make up fantastic stories. I give away door prizes. Still I can’t get everybody in their seat to attend.”

Simon has been at SIUC for more than 40 years. The 73-year-old said he came to the university to continue work on a project he started in 1962 — a work still in progress.

His work focuses on editing all correspondence to and from Ulysses S. Grant and publishing it for the Ulysses S. Grant Association. Simon said the group has published more than 20 books.

Simon said he took the job with the association because he was bored with his teaching career at Ohio State University, which

involved instructing the same class three times a day, five days a week.

“I was really eager to do something else,” he said. “I’ve always liked manuscripts. I’ve always liked research.”

When the Grant project moved from the Ohio Historical Society to SIUC, Simon moved with it and decided to balance the project with teaching.

He said remaining in contact with students has opened him up to new ideas.

“The directors of the project would have preferred that I edit full time,” he said. “But I said, well, I need something else in my life — either bowling or history.”

It was during his teaching career many years ago that Simon started giving away door prizes to students in class. Simon said this practice began after he received a door prize at a lecture he was paid to give.

He said he felt guilty and gave away a Civil War newspaper to one of his students.

Stephen Hansen, a history professor at SIU-Edwardsville, said he

Professor Profiles



ANTHONY SOUFFLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

History professor John Simon poses for a portrait at the McLafferty Annex on Tuesday afternoon. Simon is the executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association and has been working to edit the papers of Ulysses S. Grant, which have been published by Southern Illinois University Press.

knew of Simon’s reputation regarding the Grant papers while he was a doctoral student, but didn’t have a chance to meet him until the mid-1990s.

Hansen said he has taught a course with Simon over the distance learning network — a project that broadcasts lectures live to other universities — about five times.

He said Simon expressed jealousy over an Abraham Lincoln course Hansen was teaching, so they decided to do a joint-class.

“Sometimes John and I purposefully get into disagreements over some interpretation of Lincoln just in order to stimulate conversation among the students,” Hansen said.

“Professor Simon is a legend on campus both among students and people in the community.”

— Jonathan Bean
history professor

Professor of History Jonathan Bean said he has known Simon since 1995. He said Simon is very well known not only on campus, but nationwide.

“Professor Simon is a legend on campus both among students and people in the community,” he said. “He’s very gregarious, extremely knowledgeable and humorous.”

Bean said he has people from all over the nation discuss Simon

with him as soon as they hear he is from SIUC.

He attributed this to their interest in the Civil War, and Simon’s extensive work in this era of history.


“He’s probably one of the most public faces of SIU in America,” Bean said.

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ATLANTA

Few glitches reported as new passport rules take effect

ATLANTA (AP) — A new rule requiring U.S. airline passengers to show a passport upon their return from Mexico, Canada or the Caribbean took effect Tuesday, with few reports of stranded travelers.

Most travelers who forgot about the new requirement were allowed to enter after receiving a warning and a passport application. But their names were entered into the agency's computer system, and they will be scrutinized if it happens again.

Only about a quarter of U.S. citizens hold valid passports, and most Americans were accustomed to traveling to neighboring countries with just a driver's license or birth certificate, which have long been sufficient to get through airport customs on the trip home.

Travel agents and airlines reported no major problems after warning travelers about the new rule for more than a year.

The new regulations were adopted by Congress in 2004 to secure the borders against terrorists.

FLORIDA

Mummified baby found in storage unit

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A woman cleaning out her dead parents' rented storage unit discovered a partially mummified baby boy, wrapped in a 1957 newspaper and stuffed inside a suitcase-within-a-suitcase.

The body will be sent to a forensic anthropologist to determine the cause of death and whether the baby was born alive, authorities said Tuesday.

The storage unit had been rented by the couple in 1996. The man died several years ago and the woman, who was in her 70s, died last year, Messer said.

According to investigators, the child was wrapped in a newspaper called the Daily Times dated Jan. 9, 1957. They believe the paper was from New Jersey or New York.

Messer said investigators will interview friends and family of the couple to determine if the elder woman was ever pregnant with another child and kept it secret. But he also noted that others may have had access to the warehouse.

DUBAI

U.S. warns Iran to back off Persian Gulf

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A second U.S. aircraft carrier strike group now steaming toward the Middle East is Washington's way of warning Iran to back down in its attempts to dominate the region, a top U.S. diplomat said Tuesday.

Nicholas Burns, U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs, ruled out direct negotiations with Iran and said a rapprochement between Washington and Tehran was "not possible" until Iran halts uranium enrichment.

Iran is in a standoff with the West over its defiance of U.N. demands to halt uranium enrichment, which can produce fuel for both nuclear energy and nuclear weapons.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused the United States on Tuesday of stirring up conflict between rival Muslim sects to maintain U.S. influence in the Middle East.

Ahmadinejad said last week that Iran is "ready for anything" in its confrontation with the United States.

CALIFORNIA

761 illegal immigrants arrested in sweep

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Federal officials said Tuesday they arrested more than 750 illegal immigrants over the past week in the Los Angeles metropolitan area in what they described as one of the biggest such sweeps in U.S. history.

The weeklong series of raids in the five-county region targeted illegal immigrants who had previously been deported for crimes or had ignored final deportation orders.

The sweep netted illegal immigrants from 14 countries in all, including Mexico, Honduras, Ukraine, India, Japan, Poland and Trinidad.

The raids were a major push within Operation Return to Sender, a crack-down that has resulted in 13,000 arrests nationwide since June. Immigration officials have also identified 3,000 inmates in state and local jails who will be deported.

Bush: America must not fail

President defends Iraq plan to skeptical Congress, nation

Terence Hunt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A politically weakened President Bush implored a skeptical Congress Tuesday night to embrace his unpopular plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq, saying it represents the best hope in a war America must not lose. "Give it a chance to work," he said.

Facing a political showdown with Democrats and Republicans alike, Bush was unyielding on Iraq in his annual State of the Union address.

Democrats — and even some Republicans — scoffed at his Iraq policy.

"We need a new direction," said freshman Sen. Jim Webb. "The majority of the nation no longer supports the way this war is being fought; nor does the majority of our military."

It was a night of political theater as Bush went before the first Democratic-controlled Congress in a dozen years with his lowest approval ratings in polls.

Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, the first woman to lead the House, sat over Bush's shoulder, next to Vice President Dick Cheney. Reaching out to the Democrats, Bush opened with a tribute to Pelosi and paused to shake her hand.

She sat silently and did not applaud as Bush warned of high stakes in Iraq and said American forces must not step back before Baghdad is secure.

With Congress poised to deliver a stinging rebuke on his troop increase, Bush made a personal plea to lawmakers.

"Our country is pursuing a new strategy in Iraq and I ask you to give it a chance to work," Bush said. "And I ask you to support our troops in the

field and those on their way."

He said the Iraq war had changed dramatically with the outbreak of sectarian warfare and reprisals.

"This is not the fight we entered in Iraq, but it is the fight we are in," the president said.

On domestic matters, he pressed Congress to help find ways to overhaul entitlements such as Social Security before they impose huge problems for future generations.

On immigration, too, the president made a plea to lawmakers that he has made before. Members of his own party were the main obstacle to success in that area.

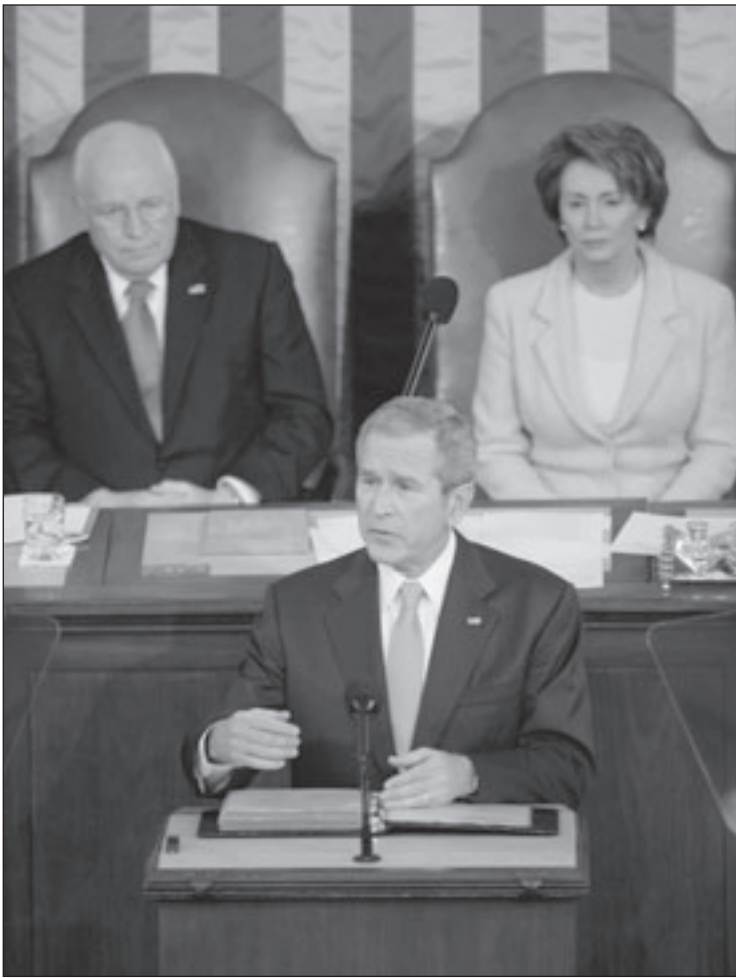
Bush said his energy proposals would cut American imports by the equivalent of 75 percent of the oil coming from the Middle East. His prescription, as always, relied primarily on market incentives and technological advances — not government mandates.

Bush called for changing the tax code to encourage more people not covered by medical insurance to buy a plan, and to discourage others from keeping the most costly health care plans.

Under Bush's proposal, employer-financed health care benefits would be considered taxable income after a deduction of \$15,000 for families and \$7,500 for individuals. Those buying their own plan would get the same deductions on their taxes.

The White House said 80 percent of workers with health insurance through their jobs would see a tax cut as a result of the change. But about 20 percent would see a tax increase — those workers whose health insurance cost more than the standard deduction.

"With this reform, more than 100 million men, women and children who are now covered by employer-



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U.S. President Bush is backed by Vice President Dick Cheney, left, and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) as he delivers his State of the Union address Tuesday.

provided insurance will benefit from lower tax bills," Bush said. "At the same time, this reform will level the playing field for those who do not get health insurance through their job."

The administration sought to make Bush's energy initiatives — in particular a 20 percent cut in gasoline usage by 2017 — an eye-catching centerpiece of his address.

The cut would be achieved primarily through a sharp escalation in the amount of ethanol and other

alternative fuels that the government mandates must be blended into the fuel supply. The rest would come from raising fuel economy standards for passenger cars, a plan that Bush has proposed in the past but failed to win from Congress.

While setting cutback goals, the president spurned appeals from environmentalists and some major corporations to impose mandatory ceilings on U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in hopes of slowing climate change.

General predicts 'tough days' as troop buildup unfolds

Anne Flaherty
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Army general who would carry out President Bush's new war plan urged a skeptical Congress and American public Tuesday to be patient but acknowledged "the situation in Iraq is dire."

"None of this will be rapid," Lt. Gen. David Petraeus told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "The way ahead will be neither quick nor easy."

Many in Congress, including some Republicans, oppose Bush's plan, which would send an extra 21,500 U.S. troops to Iraq as part of a revised strategy for quelling sectarian violence in Baghdad and stabilizing the country. Before Bush's buildup began in recent days, there were 132,000 U.S. troops there.

In a sign of the strain of the Iraq war, the top generals in the Army and Marine Corps expressed concern to a House committee Tuesday about the military's ability to respond to other world crises.

"We have examined other war plans and our capability to respond to those plans, and we see that we are lacking in some areas in our ability to do so," said Gen. James Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps.

Sen. Carl Levin, committee chairman and a leading war policy critic, pressed Petraeus on whether the flow of additional U.S. troops could be halted in midstream if the Iraqi government failed to meet its commitment to provide thousands more Iraqi troops.

"It could," Petraeus replied. Earlier he said there were no "specific conditions" the Iraqis must meet to keep the flow of U.S. forces moving. The last of five additional U.S. brigades are scheduled to arrive in the Iraqi capital in May; the first got there just days ago.

In his opening statement, Petraeus, 54, painted a grim picture of conditions in Iraq.

"The situation in Iraq is dire. The stakes are high. There are no easy choices. The way ahead will be very hard. ... But hard is not hopeless," he said.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a leading proponent of Bush's troop buildup plan, asked Petraeus how long he thought the U.S. buildup could be sustained.

"I am keenly aware of the strain" on the Army and Marine Corps, Petraeus said, adding that he welcomes Bush's proposal to increase the size of the land forces over the coming five years.

Libby: White House wanted to sacrifice him for Rove

Matt Apuzzo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Top White House officials tried to blame vice presidential aide "Scooter" Libby for the 2003 leak of a CIA operative's identity to protect President Bush's political strategist, Karl Rove, Libby's defense attorney said Tuesday as the aide's perjury trial began.

I. Lewis Libby is accused of lying to FBI agents, who began investigating after syndicated columnist Robert Novak revealed that a Bush administration critic, Joseph Wilson, was married to CIA operative Valerie Plame.

When the leak investigation was begun, White House officials publicly cleared Rove of wrongdoing but stopped short of doing so for Libby. Libby, who had been asked to counter Wilson's criticisms, felt betrayed and sought out his boss, Vice President Dick Cheney, lawyer Theodore Wells said.

Rove was one of two sources for Novak's story. The other was then-Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage. Nobody, including Rove and Armitage, has been charged with the leak. Libby is accused of lying to investigators and obstructing the probe into the leak.

Cheney's notes from his meeting with Libby underscore the aide's concern, Wells said.

The description of White House infighting was a rare glimpse into Bush's inner circle. It also suggested how hectic and stressful the White House had become when the probe was begun.

The White House declined to comment on the ongoing Libby trial.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald told a far different story from Wells. He described for jurors a Bush administration effort to beat back early criticism of the Iraq war and accused Libby of lying to investigators about his role in that campaign.

Fitzgerald said Libby learned from five people — from Cheney to members of the CIA and State Department — that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA. Libby discussed that fact to reporters and others in the White House, Fitzgerald said.

Libby told investigators he learned about Plame from NBC News reporter Tim Russert. But Fitzgerald told jurors that was clearly a lie because Libby had already been discussing the matter inside and outside of the White House.

A crowd of about 200 Greek fraternity and sorority members sits together at the SIU men's basketball game Tuesday night at the SIU Arena. This week is rush week for fraternities and sororities at SIU.
JAKE LOCKARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN



Family found safe at motel in same city as abduction; father arrested

Tom Coyne
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELKHART, Ind. — A mother and her four children were found safe Tuesday night at a motel just miles from where police said the father had shot a man and abducted the family three days earlier, authorities said. He was arrested as he tried to escape through an air duct.

Jerry D. White, 30, was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and several counts of confinement, police said.

Authorities had issued an Amber Alert for the four children, ages 16 months to 9 years, and their mother, 31-year-old Kimberly N. Walker,

on Saturday. Police had searched as far as Chicago for the woman and her children before finding them in Elkhart, in northern Indiana.

Police said White broke into the Elkhart house of Walker, his ex-girlfriend, about 2 a.m. Saturday and shot her sister's boyfriend, who was still in the hospital Tuesday. White then held everyone captive until leaving with Walker and the children nearly 10 hours later, police said.

Investigators were able to trace the family to the Sleepy Hollow motel, about 6 miles from Walker's home, in part because Walker had made three calls to relatives from a nearby pay phone saying they were

safe, said Detective Sgt. Bill Wargo.

Officers knocked on the door of the motel room about 8 p.m. Tuesday and heard rumbling inside, after which Walker opened the door.

"She was sobbing hysterically and physically shaking like I've never seen anybody shake," Wargo said. "I asked her if she was Kim. She very hesitantly shook her head yes."

Officers pulled her out of the room and rushed her behind a building, he said.

"She was yelling, 'My children. My children,'" Wargo said.

Wargo said he then began yelling for the children but got no response at first.

No 'Idol' for Carbondale

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mediacom subscribers throughout Carbondale were left without their idols Tuesday as company negotiations remain idle.

Several Carbondale establishments that have previously offered FOX programming to patrons affected by the Jan. 6 removal of FOX did not show the popular "American Idol" Tuesday night, leaving few options for fans seeking an off-pitch fix.

Carbondale subscribers have been unable to view popular FOX and My Network shows since Sinclair Broadcasting Group — the exclusive owner of the local channels — pulled its programming from Mediacom.

Sinclair, the second largest operator of broadcast stations in the nation, and Mediacom, the nation's eighth largest cable provider, had reached a standstill in negotiations over fees charged to retransmit free, over-the-air stations.

In a statement released Sunday, Mediacom Chairman and CEO Rocco B. Commisso said Mediacom is willing to accept terms agreed to by Sinclair and Time Warner, a cable provider involved in a similar dispute with Sinclair.

"Sinclair should have no further excuses offering similar terms to Mediacom," he said. "Failure to do so would be the strongest indication yet that Sinclair is intent on using its raw market power and leverage to discriminate against Mediacom and other smaller cable companies serving small communities across America."

Mediacom previously requested that Sinclair follow with the Federal Communications Commission's recommendation to enter in a binding arbitration agreement, in which the

dispute would be settled by an impartial third party.

Sinclair Vice President Barry Faber did not return multiple calls for comment, but in a statement released Jan. 16, he blasted Mediacom's "continuing effort to publicly air private business negotiations."

"Mediacom's efforts represent nothing more than the desperate attempt of a private enterprise to seek Congressional assistance to remedy its failure to reach agreement during private negotiations," he said.

Randy Hollis, Mediacom's senior manager of government relations for the Missouri-Kentucky region, said Tuesday the dispute has not caused any significant loss of customers in the area, but was unwilling to reveal any numbers.

He said Mediacom is not planning any additional rebates or rewards for customers other than offering free antennas, which are not guaranteed to pick up the programming.

Concerned customers can come to any Mediacom office and sign a petition that encourages U.S. Congressmen and Senators to intervene in the dispute and urge Sinclair to enter into the arbitration, Hollis said.

Hollis said the situation is much more than an average dispute between two conglomerates.

"This is something that has repercussions and could have repercussions down the line, not only for our customers, but for customers throughout the country," he said. "The stations that we're talking about here are not the top-ranked stations in the market. If their demands are exuberant, what could happen the next time around?"

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THEIR WORD

Chance for U.S.
in the Mideast

Despite the Iraq gloom, some good news has emerged in recent days from the Middle East. The good news concerns Iran and Syria and points to an opening for a diplomatic process involving all of Iraq's neighbors.

Such a process holds the best hope for averting a dangerous defeat in Iraq. The burning question is whether the Bush team is willing or able to take advantage of the opportunity that this news presents.

First, the good news from Tehran: Iran's obnoxious President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is coming under harsh criticism from the highest authorities in Tehran. Contrary to Western perception, Ahmadinejad does not have either power to make foreign policy or control over Iran's nuclear program-powers that rest with Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Khamenei appears to be reconsidering Ahmadinejad's behavior; the ayatollah's newspaper has called on the president to stay out of all nuclear matters. Criticism in Iran's press and parliament has also focused on Ahmadinejad's economic failures. U.S. and U.N. sanctions make foreign investment scarce, including in Iran's oil fields. This puts the country's economic future at risk.

The pressure on Ahmadinejad signals that Iran is concerned about further economic and political isolation. That means the United States has strong cards to play in any talks.

Moreover, Shiite Iran cannot afford the open confrontation with the Sunni Arab world that looms if the Iraq civil war continues. Rather than rally Sunni Arab states against Tehran, as it is now doing, Washington could be working to prevent that Sunni-Shiite explosion. The condition: that Iran (and Sunni Arab states) stop destabilizing Iraq.

There is also a bit of good news from Syria. Last week news broke in Israel of a two-year long "Track II" negotiations between a former Israeli foreign ministry director general and a Syrian-American businessman with key connections to the family of President Bashar al-Assad.

Track II talks are informal, nongovernmental efforts to test diplomatic waters. These particular talks produced interesting ideas for overcoming hurdles to an Israeli-Syrian peace treaty but ended in 2006. Now that they have become public, both governments have disavowed them. But both were reportedly kept informed, and the Syrians seem to have been open to the idea.

Geoffrey Aronson of the Foundation for Middle East Peace helped organize the talks. He says: "We wanted to jump-start a discussion." At a time when some senior Israeli political and intelligence officials are calling for talks with Damascus, the White House shouldn't veto the idea. The White House should keep pushing Syria to end its misbehavior in Lebanon, but it should not be needing Syrian involvement in regional talks.

Recently, Pennsylvania's Republican Sen. Arlen Specter made his 16th trip to Syria and had his fourth conversation with President Assad. "I don't think he (Assad) views us in a position of weakness," said Specter, who believes it would be "sensible" to talk with Syria. "We remain the colossus. I think he knows that."

In other words, America has leverage for the kind of diplomacy that is essential if we want to quit Iraq without it collapsing. The goal of such diplomacy: to convince Iraq's neighbors that Iraq's future collapse would so endanger them that they have to work to stabilize the country. Their cooperation would go far in enabling U.S. forces to leave.

But President Bush has made clear he has no interest in using regional talks as a means to stabilize Iraq. Such talks - a key recommendation of the Baker-Hamilton Iraq Study Group - would have to involve Syria and Iran, as well as Saudi Arabia.

Instead, the White House has chosen a confrontational approach toward Iran, moving additional ships and missiles off Iran's coast, and putting the economic squeeze on Tehran. The administration believes Iran has grown overconfident because of the Iraq mess, so there is no point to talks.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Go Colts

DEAR EDITOR:

The true team of destiny in this year's Super Bowl is not Da Bears, but the Colts of Indianapolis.

So far, this season has been a fitting follow-up to last year's heartbreak that resulted in the Colts being eliminated from the playoffs early and a sixth seed winning the whole shebang. The ending this year will be more appropriate.

The Colts have shown that their defense can handle one-dimensional offenses that rely too much on the run. I have no doubt that Dwight Freeney and company will hold Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson to under 100 yards rushing combined on Super Sunday and Rex Grossman's confidence will be destroyed after a few turnovers. Conversely, Peyton Manning and the offense will make enough plays to win the game and the Lombardi trophy will come home to

championship-starved Indy.

In my mind, the only way the Bears stand a realistic chance is if Devin Hester goes crazy. I'd almost like to see Adam Vinatieri squib kick the ball on each kick-off to limit Hester's potential impact.

As it is, though, I see the Colts winning by at least 10 points. No guarantee is necessary.

Jon Marin
Graduate student
in clinical psychology

Bears fans will
cause a ruckus

DEAR EDITOR:

My sister emailed asking if I would be a true Hoosier and cheer for the Colts in the Super Bowl.

I wrote her that, from the beginning, I've been a fan of the NFL's Central Division (now the Northern Division) with the Minnesota Vikings as my favorite team followed by the Bears, Packers and Lions. Although the Colts are now in Indianapolis, they are

originally from Baltimore (somewhere between here and Mongolia).

Living in Illinois, and since the Vikings smell worse than lutefisk (a Scandinavian dish of dried cod, preserved in potash lye, then skinned, boned, and boiled), I should support the Bears.

However, as you may know, fans from Chicago tend to riot and become destructive when their teams win (go figure). When the White Sox won the World Series a few years ago, celebrating fans destroyed several lamp posts

on campus. On Sunday afternoon, after the Bears won the NFC game, celebrating fans took over US-51 for about 30 minutes.

So, in order to prevent a few idiots from being expelled from SIU and sent back north in the middle of winter, I'm going to cheer for a Colt victory as the Bear fans will then hopefully just order another beer to drown their sorrows and dreams of next year as I have done for the Vikings (and Cubs) for the last 38 years.

Joel Fritzler
Councilman Carbondale City Council

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“The campus still looks like a giant ashtray.”

Andy Fruth
student columnist
senior studing history from Freeport

BEYOND THE INK

Through the black eye

Alex Ayala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

I never thought a nice jab to the eye could have such an impact on someone's life.

Having observed it many times in movies, local bars and boxing broadcast, I frowned at it but never expected to be in the receiving end of a lethal jab. This resulted in a darkened left eye.

For the first time ever, I received a facial injury during a sparring session at the gym, and even though I hear references to Muhammad Ali of how the sport leads to permanent cerebral damage, it's a short-term risk I choose to take and one that keeps me in shape.

Believe me, On a cold Chicago evening, my brother landed a jab to my left eye that had me looking like I had taken part in a dice game scuffle. Coming from a boxer that's been practicing along my side for ten years and a fellow marine, I can respect him for that.

Eyes around campus don't look bag-less when the first week of class begins

But there's no slashing the eye like Rocky, ointments or raw steak being applied here. I knew I had to get off the stool and face the consequences, returning to what is my last semester here at SIU.

Even though at times you may feel like the Punxsutawney groundhog and decide to hide from the public, I don't have a choice here; I have to come out be it rain or snow.

This semester means a rigorous and emotional time with my design thesis, my work at the DE, and my social life — which means my walks through the Strip can now be counted with the palm of my hands.

I give such importance to the eye situation because it's foreshadowing my semester. Believe me, eyes around campus don't look bag-less when the first week of class begins.

Even though many all-nighters and unhealthy practices await many of you outgoing seniors, just make an attempt to practice healthy sleeping habits.



Alex Ayala ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Walking around with a black eye through the SIU community can be quite an experience. People stare at you and notice the detail, usually forgetting to greet. Actually, only about five people asked last week the most popular predictable question “How was your break?” I guess the eye summed it all up for them.

But in reality my break was one of the best on a personal level and couldn't be summed up in the usual response: It was good.

I got to paint a mural on a grade school of children that spoke “Nahualt” in the mountainous region north of Puebla and witness the slaughtering of a pig for a birthday party. It's those kinds of random experiences that motivate me to travel as often as possible.

Random experiences, whether positive or negative, such as a black eye, help fuel my last semester at SIU, which I hope to finish strong.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Damage Control

DEAR EDITOR:

I read with interest Erik Rancatore's column emphasizing that what SIU needs most is damage control. When I attended SIU in the 1970s, attracting students was not a problem. More than 24,000 students annually moved to Carbondale, finding classes challenging, interesting and fun. Shift to 2006. SIU needs to increase enrollment. A decline of about 10,000 students and almost 2,000 faculty and staff over the past 20 years can be corrected with better customer service

and marketing — “attend SIU and be surrounded by nature as you earn your degree.” However, actions speak louder than words.

My after Christmas memories of SIU are worse than a damning letter in the Tribune. On my usual early morning walk around the SIU campus lake the morning of Dec. 22, I was filled with joy as the beavers I have been watching for the past several years allowed me the privilege of watching them enjoy their morning's breakfast of small fallen branches. The two adult beavers and their three summer babies had provided hours of entertainment to early exercisers and dog walkers. On the afternoon of Dec. 26, these lovely, innocent animals were murdered in their

den while they slept. Their killer stated he acted by direction and permission of the SIU administration. As usual for SIU, controversial action was taken at a time when few people were around to protest and no one was available for comment.

2006 was a great year for SIU's marketing team. First, SIU police shoot a young doe protecting her fawn. Next, campus administrators remove 10 young men from their dorm room and toss them on the street — their crime of avoiding a fight serious enough to warrant removal from the premises. Finally, other wildlife on the lake is executed. Damage control, indeed.

Lorie Allen
SIU alumna

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PAL

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Crippen explained that some dogs are given toys for tasks such as finding drugs.

“With arson dogs and bomb dogs you’re not in a situation where you can play,” he said.

Pal gets plenty of food, though, because he is trained three to five times a day.

"It's not starving your dog," Crippen said.

Crippen has been with the fire department for five years. He saw the benefits of a detector through the previous canine handler, Fire Chief John Michalesko, and the previous dog, a chocolate-colored Labrador named Beau.

"I was around Beau, and I was there when Beau was running on fires," Crippen said. "So I got to see first hand the benefits of having an accelerant detection dog."

Carbondale received the new dog through a scholarship from State Farm Insurance. Crippen flew to Maine where he trained with Pal at Maine Specialty Dogs.

The city pays for Pal's food and

a local animal hospital cares for him
for free.

"He doesn't go through any more [food] than an average dog," Crippen said. "And Striegel Animal Hospital... they've donated for the 10 years of Beau, and they're staying consistent with that with Pal here."

When investigating arson, samples are taken from the area to determine if an accelerant was used and then sent to a lab to be analyzed.

Michalesko said arson dogs reduce the time spent finding samples, and the samples are more accurate.

"The amount of time that they can save you, and their confirmation for samples, is a benefit to the department," Michalesko said.

Mayor Brad Cole, who introduced Pal at the Jan. 16 city council meeting, said having an arson dog helps the city by improving fire inspection.

"What it does is it allows us to provide a higher level of fire inspection and detection to be able to resolve an issue," Cole said. "If there's fire that's suspicious, we can come in with the dog, and detect these accelerants and indicate whether or not there may be foul play involved."

Phillip Garcia, a senior from Chicago studying creative writing, history and political science, said he usually goes to the Rosetta Stone Bookstore once a week to browse their “awesome” selection of magazines. He said he typically checks out the hip-hop and political magazines and McSweeney’s Quarterly Concern, a literary magazine.

Garcia said the staff at the bookstore is knowledgeable and well read, and the atmosphere is much different than in big corporate stores.

“Especially in a day when corporations have more rights than the people that make them up, I like shopping at locally owned community places, like a pro-active culture jamming,” Garcia said.

BOOK

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ranging from socialism to underground punk music. There are also book sections, such as *Earth*, which features alternative horticulture books, and *Spirit*, which features books about various religions and spiritual practices.

"We have books for alternative life cultures, like books and magazines for alternative lifestyles, like how to grow hemp and marijuana," Bradshaw said.

The alternative approach seems to have worked out for the bookstore, as Becker said they have fought off competition from Barnes and Noble and other corporate stores, and appealed to Carbondale's sense of community.



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Ben Erwin
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Alkaline Trio "Remains"
Release date: Jan. 30, 2007
Label: Vagrant Records
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Like fellow Windy City natives such as Naked Raygun and Rise Against, Alkaline Trio has helped define the genre of Chicago punk and hardcore for the past decade with a slew of records that were often equal parts ferocity and melody.

With the group's latest compilation, "Remains," the band has compiled an impressive retrospective of B-sides, live cuts and music previously available only on various split EPs. While the album offers nothing new or out-of-print for hardcore AT fans, "Remains" chronicles the group's progression from punk upstarts to the polished pop act the band is today.

Drawing heavily from the Better Youth Organization (BYO) split series and Alkaline Trio's "Hell Yes" EP, "Remains" is at once a fun listen and a bitter reminder of how that band's song quality has flagged with the passing of time.

Tunes such as the morose, mid-tempo "Queen of Pain," the rollicking "While You're Waiting" and the chugging harmonies of "Rooftops" exemplify the raw, unrefined sound the band once exuded with such insouciant aplomb. Likewise, songs such as the crunching "Old School Reasons," and the bitter "Fine Without You" serves as archetypal examples not only of Alkaline Trio, but the influence they've had on the Chicago scene as well.



"Hating Every Minute," "Dead and Broken" and "If You Had a Bad Time" also illustrate Alkaline Trio's progression into more refined, mainstream territory. While the later material contained on "Remains" is still largely enjoyable, the band's

slow mellowing procession is often disheartening.

"Remains" also contains perennial live favorites such as "My Standard Break From Life," "Jaked On Green Beers" and the album's opening tune, "Hell Yes." Although "Remains" never quite flows as well as the band's eponymous album or "From Here to the Infirmary," the album is a solid collection overall.

It's nice to see the band giving a nod to obscure material, but what "Remains" is missing is new or out-of-print records fans can no longer find. The compilation is nice for those who have no desire to track down a half dozen EPs or soundtracks, but offers little for those who have followed Alkaline Trio since the band's 1996 inception.

Vagrant Records would have done well to offer additional live tracks, demo material or simply something new. For now, however, "Remains" is the next best thing to a new Alkaline Trio studio album or another tour.

The compilation is nice for those who have no desire to track down a half dozen EPs or soundtracks ...

Career dead for K-fed

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kevin Federline: Playing with Fire
Release date: October 31, 2006
Label: Federation Records
(Yes, that's 0 out of 5)



"Who told this bastard that he can't rap/ I got 50 mill, I can do whatever I want."

It's those lyrics from Kevin Federline's debut album, "Playing with Fire," that summarize just how this pile of filth came to fruition.

Not only can K-fed not rap, but he can't rhyme either. To top everything off, he doesn't have \$50 million anymore since Britney Spears ditched him to go party with Paris Hilton.

Listening to "Playing with Fire" is similar to trying to kick a flaming dog — it's not only a bad idea, but it can be hazardous to your health.

In the opening track, he says, "I make music America can feel." I liken that line to the famous Upton Sinclair quote "I aimed at the public's heart, and by accident I hit it in the stomach." Sinclair was talking about the disgusting meat market, but Federline's album should turn into an exposé on the direction of the music industry today.

Federline intelligently references how his marriage to Britney Spears will stand the test of time over and over in what feels like every song. Speaking of the baby/hit dropping diva, she makes an appearance on "Crazy,"



which is a fitting title for the mind frame she was in when she lent her voice to the song.

Between proclaiming he's "America's Most Hated" and referencing himself to Jesus in the hidden track "Middle Finger," he spends his time digging an early grave on his career. He actually says, "I'm hotter than a pizza oven."

Do I really need to say more?

Maybe not, but I'm going to because this album has tarnished my ears and left me permanently scarred.

Is Federline "America's Most Hated?" Hardly, if America thinks anything about him it would be that he's a washed up wannabe rapper.

A pile like Federline usually would only have 15 minutes of fame, and this album runs 50 minutes long. He needs to give us those extra 35 minutes back.

Where is K-fed now? Well the last time he was seen it was in a wrestling ring, getting dropped faster than his album did on the charts. Hopefully the last hit related to his career will be one that inflicts bodily harm on him.

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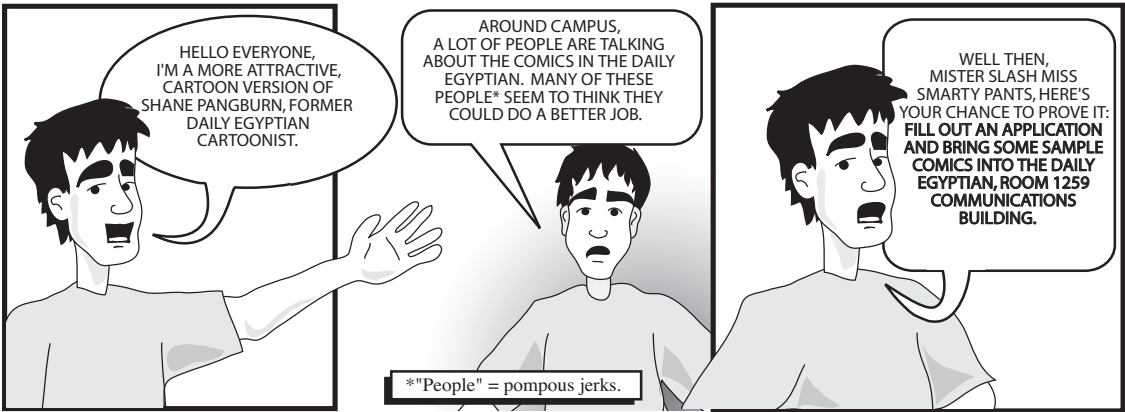
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - You should be feeling more assertive, but you still need to take care. You can get to the prize, but there are hurdles between here and there.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - You're under pressure to produce the results you've promised. Go shopping for an item that will help you meet your deadline.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Give yourself plenty of time for meetings. Share ideas with your team. Don't worry about having all the answers, yet. Choose responsibilities.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You'll see that, with strong leadership, you can proceed with confidence. As everybody plays their part, all of you will succeed.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Take action now on whatever it is that you've been contemplating. Decisions made now will be beneficial in more ways than you can imagine.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You're very good with money, as everybody knows. Right now, for example, you can use somebody else's to get something for your home.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Ask for another point of view, and assistance from afar. Somebody else can see a way that's not obvious to you.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Push now with enthusiasm. Your new theory is opening up lots of possibilities. Buy something to speed up the process, and improve efficiency.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - If you just don't feel like working now, there's astrological confirmation. Conditions favor being warm and cozy and lots and lots of hugs.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Your income is steady and that always helps you relax and concentrate. Ask for advice and support from your family, they'll be there for you.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Your friends came up with the suggestion, and you can make it happen. More study will be required, and now's the best time to begin.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Invest in your career and get something that will go up in value. You probably already have the perfect item all picked out.

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Monday's puzzle

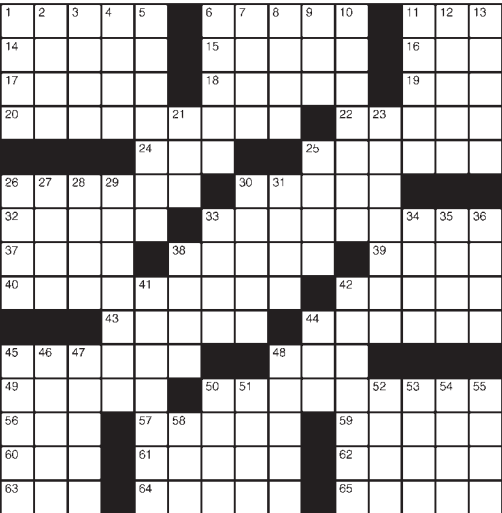
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- ACROSS
1 Off-the-cuff remark
6 Photo session
11 Former draft org.
14 Pat or Debby
15 Brief role
16 Turn left!
17 Political coalitions
18 Dismay
19 Tankard contents
20 What's left
22 Create a totem pole
24 Some French?
25 Shaq's target
26 Type of hound
30 Masterstrokes
32 Happy songs
33 Comforted again
37 "Sopranos" star Falco
38 To the point
39 Chess turn
40 Figure out
42 Magnificent number?
43 Is inclined
44 Additions to contracts
45 Humiliate
48 ___ de mer
49 Strange
50 Frat-party supervisor
56 Go wrong
57 Obsolete anesthetic
59 Sort of situation
60 Stretch the truth
61 House toppers
62 Yo-yo Ma's instrument
63 Was ahead
64 Bridge hand
65 Sibilant letters



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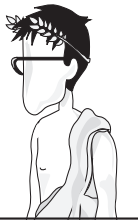
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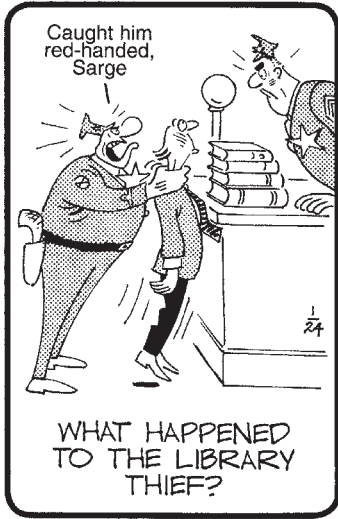
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SALUKIS

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The game began with the Panthers scoring the first seven points and leading SIU 19-11 before the Salukis went on a 13-point run.

Mullins, though, missed a shot at the buzzer and the Salukis entered halftime trailing 27-25.

The Salukis took a 39-37 lead in the second half on a pair of Mullins free throws after he wrestled away a rebound and he fouled. The two teams traded baskets and leads the rest of the game until junior forward Randal Falker sparked an eight point run that culminated with UNI head coach Ben Jacobsen being whistled for a technical foul. Young hit both free throws to put SIU ahead 49-42 with 6 minute, 23 seconds remaining in the game.

“We’re happy, but there’s eight games left in the conference. Way too many games to be celebrating.”

— Bryan Mullins
sophomore guard

The Salukis never looked back and held the lead for the remainder of the game and Mullins finished with a career high of 16 points.

SIU and the Panthers last played Jan. 6, when Northern Iowa outlasted SIU to win, 66-61. In that game, Northern Iowa senior guard Brooks McKowen scored seven points and added six assists.

McKowen came into Tuesday’s game averaging 10.4 points per game and 6.3 assists per game, improving from his statistics from last season, when he averaged 5.6 ppg and 2.8 app. In Tuesday’s game, McKowen scored 12 of his 17 points in the first half and tacked on five assists.

“He’s a great guard,” Mullins said of McKowen. “He really got hot in the first half, made a couple threes, got into the lane so he did what his team needed him to do to stay in the game.”

The Salukis regained the lead in the Missouri Valley Conference from the Panthers with Tuesday’s win.

“We’re happy, but there’s eight games left in the conference,” Mullins said. “Way too many games to be celebrating.”

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DEFENSE

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“Anytime you turn the ball over you’ve got to make up for it in other ways,” Northern Iowa guard Travis Brown said. “We did that tonight, and somehow stayed close at their place.”

The defensive pressure frustrated the Panthers to a point that even Northern Iowa’s senior point-guard Brooks McKowen, coming into the game averaging 6.3 assists per game, managed only three for the night. Saluki guard Bryan Mullins, the primary defender of McKowen, helped force 5 turnovers from the Panther guard.

“When we play with Northern Iowa it is always going to be like this,” Lowery said. “All three games last year were low scoring.

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“We’re just mirror-images of toughness. We’re gonna play hard and fight you and get it inside. I just thought our kids really wanted this game a little bit more.”

— Chris Lowery
SIU head coach

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The Saluki defense also held Panther center Eric Coleman to 6 points, half below his season average on the night. The Salukis boxing out on rebounds also held Coleman to three rebounds fewer than his season average of 8.9.

Still, the Panthers had a chance to tie the game on a put back with time expiring. Referee’s ruled the the shot was no good, and that time had already expired.

“We were fortunate that they missed shots,” Northern Iowa head coach Ben S. Jacobsen said when commenting on his teams turn-overs. “At halftime we knew that we were going to have to take care of the basketball better. That was our only chance to get a lead and keep it.”

The Salukis forced 11 more Panther turnovers after halftime — just enough to overshadow their 35 percent shooting on the night.

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SALUKI TRACKER
Troy Hudson



Troy Hudson of the Minnesota Timberwolves followed up his Sunday performance against the Phoenix Suns when he played 31 minutes and scored 22 points and 7-of-14 shooting with a 0-for-5 shooting night in eight minutes of play. The Timberwolves lost both games and are in the midst of a four-game losing streak. The Timberwolves (20-20) play tonight at Portland against the Trail Blazers.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?
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Chicago Olympics organizers release more details on bid

Deanna Bellandi
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — As the city waits to learn whether it will get the chance to bid for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games, organizers on Tuesday detailed their plans for some of the venues and how much they will cost.

At the center of Chicago's proposal to the U.S. Olympic Committee is a \$366 million temporary stadium in a historic park on the city's South Side and a \$1.1 billion lakefront athletes' village.

The price tag for the 80,000-seat stadium includes building an amphitheater that would replace it once the games end to host sporting and cultural events in Washington Park, a more than 300-acre park listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The size of the proposed stadium — which would host opening and closing ceremonies plus track and field competitions — was scaled down from 95,000 seats to cut down on costs.

Much of the money to build the stadium will come from corporate sponsorships of the games, said Chicago 2016 chairman Patrick Ryan.

"The stadium can and will be built and paid for if Chicago wins the right to host the games," Ryan said.

Ryan said close attention was paid to nailing down financial and construction details on the stadium, which he said is key to the viability of the city's bid.

San Francisco had to abandon its Olympic bid earlier in the pro-

cess when its plans for a new bay-front stadium collapsed.

Los Angeles is the only other American city competing for the chance to bid for the 2016 Games.

Both cities have submitted detailed bid books to the USOC and officials there will travel to Los Angeles and Chicago before announcing their selection on April 14. The American city then will be submitted to the International Olympic Committee which will pick the host city in 2009. Other cities that have expressed interest in hosting are Madrid, New Delhi, Prague, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Tokyo.

USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said he could not comment Tuesday because officials had yet to review Chicago's bid proposal.

In the city's plan, the uncovered stadium, which looks like a shallow bowl, would be wrapped in a skin on which images could be projected at night or photos of past games could be displayed like a giant photo album.

The group Friends of the Parks is working with Olympics organizers to monitor the impact on Washington Park, which was originally designed by Frederick Law Olmsted who is renowned for creating New York's Central Park. The goal is to see that anything that's done to the park enhances it, said Friends of the Parks president Erma Tranter.

Another centerpiece of Chicago's plan is an Olympic Village that will be built over truck parking lots near the city's convention center, south of downtown close to the lake.

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Jan. 27	Illinois State	2:05 p.m.
Jan. 31	Indiana State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 3	Wichita State	1:05 p.m.
Feb. 7	Bradley	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 10	Creighton	5:05 p.m.
Feb. 13	Missouri State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 17	ESPN Bracket Busters	TBA
Feb. 21	Indiana State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 24	Evansville	TBA
Mar. 1-4	State Farm/MVC Tournament	TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 27	Evansville	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Indiana State	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Illinois State	1:05 p.m.
Feb. 9	Bradley	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 11	UNI	2:05 p.m.
Feb. 16	Drake	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 18	Creighton	3:05 p.m.
Feb. 25	Evansville	2:05 p.m.
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Sophomore guard Bryan Mullins, center, celebrates after the Salukis defeated the Panthers 56-54 Tuesday night at the SIU Arena.

Salukis tops in conference with 56-54 win over Panthers

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

That was close.

With the SIU men's basketball team leading with less than a minute remaining in Tuesday's game against the University of Northern Iowa, Saluki senior guard Tony Young attempted a three-pointer that would've put the game out of reach for the Panthers.

However, Northern Iowa senior forward Grant Stout grabbed the rebound and the Panthers had one final attempt.

Panther forward sophomore guard Travis Brown missed the final shot attempt and SIU prevailed, 56-54.

"I guess we're going to keep playing them until the last five seconds decide the game," SIU head coach

Chris Lowery said. "Every game we play against Northern Iowa is going to be like this."

The Salukis (16-5, 7-3 MVC) started the game cold, shooting 33 percent in the first half and finishing the game with a 35.9 field goal percentage and 3-for-20 from three-point range. UNI (15-5, 6-3) shot 50 percent from the field and hit 11-of-15 on its threes.

The Panthers, though, turned the ball over 24 times to SIU's six and the Salukis pulled down 18 offensive rebounds in the game. SIU recorded 12 steals in the game, with four coming from Young.

"I think, definitely, our pressure bothered them all night," sophomore guard Bryan Mullins said.

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JAKE LOCKARD ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU's Tony Boyle shoots the ball over Northern Iowa's Grant Stout Tuesday night at the SIU Arena.

SIU steals game with defense

Jim Nelson
DAILY EGYPTIAN

If at first you don't succeed, keep forcing turnovers.

Defensive pressure was the key for SIU as they forced 24 Northern Iowa turnovers last night, on the way to a hard fought 56-54 win over the Panthers to move in to

first place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"We needed to get after people," SIU head coach Chris Lowery said. "We've been sound defensively but we haven't been attacking like we needed to be. We really got after these guys (UNI) defensively."

The Salukis had already forced

13 Panther turnovers in the first half, helping them get through a cold 33 percent shooting performance.

Open shots were not falling for SIU.

At one point in the first half, the Salukis were shooting 3-of-19. At halftime they were 2-of-13 from 3-point range.

But, the Saluki defense just forced more turnovers, and played hard-nosed defense

Even when SIU's defense playing hard inside, the Panthers managed to keep the game close, shooting a hot 73 percent on 11-of-15 shooting from behind the arc.

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Flyin' Bryan steps up to complete the puzzle



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It's been a long time coming for sophomore guard Bryan Mullins.

In SIU's 56-54 win over the University of Northern Iowa, it took an unfamiliar effort on the offensive end to send the Salukis over the top.

Despite the great defense by SIU, Mullins' extra effort gave the Salukis sole possession of the Missouri Valley Conference lead.

Mullins tallied 16 points, a team high, and set up junior forward Randal Falker for the majority of his 12 points.

This is a huge step for Mullins, who seldom shot the ball with much success throughout the season.

It wasn't that Mullins shot at a poor percentage, he simply seemed afraid to shoot at times.

Through the first 20 games of the season, Mullins only averaged 6.3 points per game. But more importantly, he averaged 3.9 assists per game.

But with the team shooting 35.9 percent from the field and 3-of-20 from beyond the arc, Mullins stepped up hitting 5-of-11 shots including 2-of-4 from downtown.

Hopefully, this is another piece of the puzzle for the Salukis.

A well-balanced offensive attack is key to postseason glory. Just take defending national champion University of Florida.

All five of their starters average double figures.

I'm not saying the Salukis are on the same level as the Gators, but with all five starters scoring on a consistent basis, this team is going to be dangerous.

Hopefully this is the start of something new and Mullins will continue to be dangerous with the ball, both passing and shooting.

For now, I'm going to cherish first place while it lasts.

In addition to impressive offensive flow from Mullins, I didn't even mention the defense. With Mullins help, the Salukis forced 10 turnovers from the guards alone.

Sure, the Panthers made 11-of-15 from downtown and shot 50 percent from the floor, but again, take a look at the turnover category.

In the game, there were 24 turnovers for UNI and six for SIU. A stifling defense coupled with a ball control offense wins games in the MVC, plain and simple.

For now, I'll enjoy our half-game lead in first place over UNI and Creighton.